



Health in All Policies Task Force Update to the Strategic Growth Council August 2016-October 2016

The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The HiAP Task Force is staffed through a collaborative relationship between the SGC, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the Public Health Institute (PHI). This update shares highlights of Task Force work for the period from August 2016 through October 2016. Progress continues on eight implementation plans endorsed by the SGC, as well as a variety of other projects.

Transition of PHI HiAP staff to SGC:

SGC, CDPH, and PHI staff are working together to implement the August 9th, 2016 SGC vote to integrate PHI HiAP staff as part of the SGC. This staff transition is intended to elevate the contributions of the Task Force, increase HiAP impact across government, and increase SGC's capacity to promote health and equity through its programs. A physical move will take place in late October. In the meantime, PHI, SGC, and CDPH staff are working together to identify opportunities for greatest impact, and will bring an update to the SGC in December. This has included consultation with key staff from each of the SGC's member agencies.

Task Force members are also contributing to the transition by completing a survey to help HiAP staff understand what is working well, what should change, and what emerging opportunities could be pursued through the HiAP Task Force. Findings will be discussed at the Task Force meeting on October 19th, and subsequently shared with the SGC. Preliminary findings from the survey include these quotes about the value of the Task Force:

- The Task Force *"provides a hub for new, cross-sector ideas that is critical to the success of investments where we see co-benefits."*
- The Task Force provides *"a venue for cross-sectoral work that just happens to focus on health. It's one of the few places in state government where that happens. It promotes synergies that would not occur otherwise."*
- *"Adding new metrics to evaluate public health and equity [has been supported by my agency's leadership]."*
- *"I work on health issues more readily and more often."*
- *"Health is always a consideration for me now."*

Highlights of Task Force work and interagency projects:

- **Key themes from HiAP 1:1's:** HiAP staff held annual 1:1 check-ins with a number of Task Force member agencies this summer. Key themes during discussions with department leadership included growing interest in strategies and tools to embed equity into government functions, strengthening

relationships with other departments, diffusing HiAP approaches across government, and identifying and taking on new opportunities for cross sector action to advance health, equity, and environmental sustainability.

- **Equity in Governance:**

- The equity work group is pilot testing a questionnaire to learn about how State government agencies are defining and operationalizing equity. Staff anticipate distributing the survey to Task Force members promptly after the October Quarterly Task Force meeting. This survey will provide an environmental scan of what government agencies are currently doing around equity, and will guide the Task Force's development of cross-government work on equity.
- The Office of Health Equity at CDPH extended a special invitation to the HiAP Task Force to participate in the upcoming Equity Speakers Series on various topics related to race with the goal of increasing understanding of racial and health equity.

- **Urban and Community Greening and Access to Parks:** HiAP staff has gathered recommendations from numerous Task Force members including the Natural Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of Education, Department of Public Health, and Strategic Growth Council, as well as non-government external stakeholders, of actions the HiAP Task Force/state agencies could implement and are meeting with agencies to gain endorsement and finalize the Greening, Parks, and Access to Places to be Active Action Plan.
- **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) guidelines:** The California Transportation Commission and Caltrans have included HiAP staff in their multi-agency working group to develop these guidelines, and are working closely with health and equity stakeholders to develop "Appendix L", which will provide information on strategies to promote health and equity through RTPs. Appendix L is being added in compliance with AB 441 (Monning).
- **Land Use, Schools, and Health:** HiAP staff convened a discussion between the Department of Education, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Health, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the Strategic Growth Council to identify opportunities to reduce vehicle miles traveled associated with schools, and establish next steps. Key discussion items included implementation planning for SB 743, measurement of active transportation through the California Household Travel Survey, and promotion of active transportation mode share for school commute. Possible next steps include convening state partners to consider the impact of autonomous vehicles on school transport, and providing input on the SB 743 Guidelines.

Highlights of HiAP external capacity building and outreach:

The California HiAP Task Force continues to be a model for communities in California and other states. Staff and Task Force members frequently give presentations about their involvement in and lessons learned from participating in the initiative. For example:

- In September, HiAP staff provided two day-long Health in All Policies Learning Institutes for staff at the North Dakota Department of Public Health, in Bismarck and Fargo.
- In September, HiAP staff gave a keynote address and provided a day-long Health in All Policies Learning Institute for city, county, and community leaders of Las Cruces, New Mexico.
- In September, HiAP staff facilitated a discussion for the Board of Directors of the National Network of Public Health Institutes on opportunities for Public Health Institutes to further the field of HiAP nationally.

For further information about the California Health in All Policies Task Force, please see http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php or contact hiap@cdph.ca.gov.